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**National Center for Environmental Assessment
Weekly Report for August 23th, 2017**

Notables listed below and 30-day Outlook attached.

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

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The 4th International Symposium on Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Laboratory Animal Studies. On August 24 – 25th, NCEA scientists will attend and present work at this international symposium being held at NIEHS in Research Triangle Park.

NCEA on SAB Agenda. The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will hold a public meeting on August 29 – 30, and will cover two topics related to NCEA. On August 29th, a quality review of the SAB Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee's (CAAC) report of the peer review of the draft Toxicological Review of Hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX) will be conducted. On August 30th, NCEA Director Tina Bahadori and IRIS Director Kris Thayer will present on recent activities in the IRIS Program.

WITHIN EPA

NCEA TSCA Support. As part of ongoing discussions with OPPT supporting implementation of the amended TSCA, on August 23rd, Kris Thayer and Emma Lavoie will present to Nancy Beck and Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics staff on SR software applications, specifically Distiller and HAWC.

NCEA and Region 5. On August 23rd, NCEA scientists Glen Suter and Susan Cormier will discuss the need for background specific conductivity (SC) assessment of streams in northern Minnesota. The Region is considering a possible permit limit for total ions measured as SC. EPA ORD plans to provide, estimates of background SC, most recent stream SC levels, and benchmark SC levels for biological effects for EPA Region 5's use. The results of analyses provided by ORD relate to an assessment area that includes the proposed mine site and downstream to St. Louis River to Duluth, MN including lands of the Fond du Lac Tribe.

NCEA in Region 10. On August 24th, an NCEA scientist Susan Cormier will visit Region 10 to talk about the latest developments in field-based water quality criteria for specific conductivity, new tools for assessing background conductivity, and implications during drought.

ORD Stakeholder and Partner Outreach Workshop. On August 29 – 30th, NCEA scientists will attend and participate in the ORD Stakeholder and Partner Outreach Workshop. The workshop will focus on planning stakeholder outreach for existing research activities and working towards incorporating stakeholder outreach into the research planning and development process as a longer-term effort.

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